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[REDACTED] Paul Lafond, on the staff of Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.), called at about 5:20 to say that Representative McCloskey was very anxious for an Agency briefing on the situation in North Vietnam early Monday morning. He said McCloskey would be glad to come by the Agency at 8 o'clock if this would be convenient. I said I would call him back.

After checking with Mr. Carver and finding it would be most inconvenient for him under these circumstances, I took up the matter with the Director and on his instructions called Lafond back to explain that unfortunately we could not satisfy his request this time--that the appropriate personnel were simply not available, and we suggested that Mr. McCloskey could get an adequate briefing from State or Defense. Lafond said it would be quite impossible to get anything organized with State or Defense on such short notice and the Congressman would be extremely disappointed. I said we were sorry too, but under the circumstances we just couldn't work it out.

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